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The Honorable John W. Macy, Jr.
Executive Director
U. S. Civil Service Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Macy:

Your letter of 17 August 1953 inquired whether this Agency would furnish the Civil Service Commission the information needed to maintain the security investigations index in accordance with Sections 9(a) and (b) of Executive Order 10450. The problem was discussed in detail with your Office on 17 September 1953, and the complexities of security and cover problems encountered by this Agency were described. I believe it is evident that the recording of the names of employees and personnel of interest to this Agency would be detrimental to the Agency and its operations.

The security aspects of releasing information on Agency employees have been carefully considered from time to time, particularly with regard to my responsibility for protecting intelligence sources and methods, which is set forth in the National Security Act of 1949. In order to assure that I could carry out this responsibility, the Congress, in Section 7 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, exempted the Agency from all provisions of law requiring publication or disclosure of personnel data. I deem it necessary and proper, therefore, for this Agency to refrain from furnishing the information described in Sections 9(a) and (b) of Executive Order 10450 for the investigations index of the Civil Service Commission. We wish, however, to comply with the Commission's desires insofar as we can without impairing legitimate security requirements. As was agreed upon at the meeting, we will furnish the Commission with the names of all persons who are dismissed from this Agency under the provisions of Section 102 of the National Security Act of 1947 or Executive Order 10450.

I greatly appreciate the understanding shown by you and your colleagues of the unique problems faced by this Agency in the conduct of its activities.

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Sincerely yours,

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